

# Sing a joyful song for the land!



The Norton County Conservation District held their annual meeting Saturday. A free meal was served, Conservation winners were honored and the Norton Fifth Grade class sang for the audience. Pictured here are from left, front row: Nikolas Armbrister, Brianna Johns, Callie Uehlin, Jessi Ambrosier, Nicole Rumbach and Dustin Harting; back row: Jane Ruder, Seth Otter and Cale Patterson. Not pictured but participating was Weston Harting.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Local pianist wins competition

by Sue Ann Stutheit

Usually it is not surprising when Stanton Nelson wins a contest or competition. However, last Saturday evening, the competition was so keen, that Stanton surprised even himself when the winners were announced. The event was held February 12th in Beach-Schmidt Auditorium on the campus of Fort Hays State University in Hays.

The annual Concerto Competition Concert allows young artists to perform a Concerto with the Hays Symphony. A Concerto is a musical composition for solo instrument and orchestra.

The solo instrument is featured throughout the composition, accompanied by the orchestra, but also plays supporting roles while the orchestra takes the lead. This interplay between orchestra and solo creates an exciting musical experience.

Stanton was one of twenty-three students that auditioned for the opportunity to play on the concert. Three college students were chosen to compete in the Concerto Concert. Andrew Pe-



Stanton Nelson

tracca, a freshman at KU from California, set the tone for the evening by playing Piano Concerto in E-flat Major by Franz Liszt. The piece was dramatic and grand, and very well played. Stanton's performance was next. He played Piano Concerto in A minor by Robert Schumann. His technique was nearly flawless, but his sensitivity to the orchestral lines, his interpretation of Schumann's melodies that were not

over-romanticized, made it clear to this listener that Stanton gave a truly outstanding performance. The last student to perform was a senior at the University of Texas. Annalise Ohse played Violin Concerto in A minor by Dvorak. The technical requirements of the piece were tremendous, and she played extremely well. It was clear that any one of the three students could have walked away with the top prize.

The Hays Symphony should be commended for tackling such challenging literature. Ken Hakoda, director of the Salina Symphony, and a professor at Kansas Wesleyan was the conductor for the concert. Generous prize monies were awarded to: third place (\$400), Andrew Petracca; second place (\$600), Annalise Ohse; and first place (\$1,000), Stanton Nelson. Stanton is a sophomore at The University of Kansas, majoring in Piano Performance. His teacher is Dr. Jack Winerock. Over thirty family and friends were there to support Stanton and enjoy the concert. It was truly an evening to remember.

## Scholars bowl triumph for students

By JASON DIBBLE

Last Saturday, students from Northern Valley High School accomplished a feat that has not occurred in quite some time. Students qualified and competed in the State Scholars Bowl Competition in Natoma. Some reports are that the last time this was accomplished was in the mid to late 90s. On Thursday, Feb. 3, Dick Dole,

sponsored the trip to Brewster for Regional and after a 3-2 preliminary record and 3-2 championship record the team finished 2nd. This qualified the team for state and on Feb. 12 at Natoma we competed and finished with a 1-4 record. The students that competed at regional were Zach Vincent, Matt Dole, Kenzie Chandler, Tyler Montgomery and Daniel Field.

All of these students went on to participate at state with the exception of Kenzie due to illness. Congratulations to these students and for a very good year. Many thanks to the parents that followed us to Natoma and especially to Dick and Sandra Dole who helped sponsor some of the trips that I was unable to make.

## Sheriff's Log

**December 25**

1 p.m. Got a call that a llama was out on U.S. 36 near prison.

8:27 p.m. Got a call about a black cow out on K-9 east of the 16-mile corner.

**December 26**

9:44 a.m. Received a call about a gas skip by a dark gray or black Toyota SUV.

2:44 p.m. Got call about a controlled burn one-fourth mile south of Mt. Hope Cemetery in Alma.

5:13 p.m. Received a complaint of harassment by text messaging.

**December 27**

9:30 a.m. Paged Lenora emergency medical service and fire department about a roll-over accident on Rd V and W15.

12:38 5:53 p.m. Received call from woman needing help changing a tire.

1:26 p.m. Paged ambulance for Life Team Flight Crew.

5:53 p.m. Got a call about a possible break in in Alma. When subject left, dogs were in house. When he returned, they were outside.

**December 28**

10:01 a.m. Got call about a llama out on U.S. 36 near prison.

5:57 p.m. Got a call about a black cow out on K-9 about one

mile west of Edmond.

8:42 p.m. Received a call advising that a guy pulled into a vacant lot across the street, was rude and stated he was burying a dog. Reporting party thought he needed to be checked out.

**December 29**

1:39 p.m. Person arrived at office to have a vehicle identification number checked for a salvage title.

**December 30**

11:45 a.m. Got a report of a mail box, which was destroyed south of Norton.

2:35 p.m. Received a report that someone stole a hunting blind.

6:18 p.m. Received a report that a man was getting messages on Facebook from a person, who was not supposed to be in contact with him.

**December 31**

12:30 a.m. Got a call for a welfare check on a person in Alma.

11:45 a.m. Received a call from a driver reporting that a truck had passed her on a double yellow line.

5:25 p.m. Got a call from a woman, who said her husband was being a jerk. When asked her name, she hung up.

**January 1**

6:39 a.m. Got a request for burn

permits at two locations west of Norton.

6:44 a.m. Received a call reporting that a 1989 Dodge pickup had been taken from a residence sometime after midnight.

8:23 a.m. Got a call from a person asking if the Norton city water had been shut off. Suggested to caller that her pipes may have frozen.

12:57 p.m. Receive a report of a damaged mail box.

1:38 p.m. Got a call from Phillips County about a Norton County resident with a vehicle, that is parked in Phillips County and is a traffic hazard.

2:17 p.m. Got a call about a damaged gas meter in Alma.

5:09 p.m. Got a call about a lost I-pod. Nothing had been turned in.

9:25 p.m. Received a call from a man, who said he had heard a gunshot-like sound near his residence.

**January 2**

10:39 a.m. Received a request for a controlled burn in Alma.

6:34 p.m. Got a call from a woman who had a damaged mail box. The person, who hit it called saying they would repair it.

7:02 p.m. Received a call on an erratic driver, who had almost hit someone.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Norton Community High School**

**National FFA week Sunday, Feb. 20 through Feb. 27**

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
Jay Singers – 7:30 a.m.

Site Council at Eisenhower Elementary School – 5:30 p.m.

FFA PALS Valentine's Party – 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**  
Jay Singers – 7:30 a.m.

Student Focus Group – A.P.

JV/V Basketball versus Colby (T) – 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
**MCEL MUSIC FESTIVAL:**

No school for students

Prom Menu committee meeting with junior moms – 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
Senior Announcements, caps and gown delivery – A.P.

Kansas Scholastic Press Association Contests at Fort Hays State University

FCCLA Board Meeting – A.P.

Thursday, Feb. 24 through Saturday, Feb. 26 – KMEA State convention in Wichita

**Friday, Feb. 25 – No school**  
State Wrestling Tournament at Fort Hays State University 10 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 26**  
State Wrestling Tournament at Fort Hays State University 9 a.m.

**Norton Junior High**

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
Scholar's Bowl at Stockton – 4 p.m.

Site Council at Eisenhower Elementary – 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
MCEL Music Festival: No school for students

MCEL Administrators Meeting at Norton – noon

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
Wrestling at Osborne – 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 25 – No school

**Eisenhower Elementary**

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
Site Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
No School for students

Parent-teacher conferences

**Friday, Feb. 25 – No school**

**All Schools**

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
KSSA Board of Directors in Topeka – 10 a.m.

Kansas Council of Superintendents in Topeka – 2 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
Special Board of Education meeting with Dr. Karl Clauset – noon

**High School and Junior High Menu**

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast alternate meal, cold cereal with toast and jelly. Lunch alternate meal is chef salad.

**Monday**  
Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, syrup, fruit or juice. Lunch: BBQ sandwich, baked beans, cottage cheese, carrots and peaches.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Long John, fruit or juice. Lunch: Sausage Pizza, combo salad, peaches, no bake cookie

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast tornado, fruit or juice. Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, carrots, french bread, strawberry/banana fruit cup.

**Eisenhower Elementary**

All meals served with milk; breakfast has fruit or juice.

**Monday**  
Breakfast: Rolled-up sausage link, tater tots. Lunch: Sloppy joe, bun, corn, tater tots, banana spears.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: blueberry muffin, peaches. Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, roll.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup. Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges.

**Northern Valley Schools**

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
High school band clinic at Lakeside – practice starts at 1 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m.

TBD – High school dance team practice

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
8:30 a.m. – 3rd grade math assessments

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Robotics class in Mr. Tharman's room

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
TBD – High school dance team practice

8 a.m. – KMEA State Honor Band and Choir at Wichita

8:30 a.m. – 3rd grade math assessments

4:30 p.m. – High school basketball versus Golden Plains at Alma – no JV Girls – Senior Night

**Saturday, Feb. 26**  
TBD – High Forensics meet at Hays

8 a.m. – KMEA State Honor Band and Choir at Wichita

**Northern Valley Schools menu**

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast has cold cereal daily.

**Monday**  
Menu not provided

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Waffles, syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, pineapple ring. Lunch: Cavatini, salad with dressing, buttered cauliflower, bread sticks, butterscotch pudding.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Granola Bar, links, scrambled eggs, apples. Lunch: Shaved ham, bun, potato salad, buttered broccoli, mandarin oranges

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast bucket, hashbrowns, orange juice. Lunch: Chili soup with crackers, cheese sticks, relish plate with dip, cinnamon roll.

**Friday**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon coffee cake, ham, scrambled eggs, diced pears. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, potatoes, bread, buttered green beans, apple crisp.

## Workshop to help the beef producers

K-State Research and Extension's Twin Creeks District is sponsoring a workshop to update beef producers on the practical use of beef selection tools. Dr. Sandy Johnson, K-State Research and Extension Livestock Specialist at the Northwest Research and Extension Center will be the featured speaker.

The meeting will be held at the Methodist Educational Building, in Norcat, Tuesday March 1, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Check in and donuts served at 9:30 a.m.

Technology is changing many aspects of our life and including the way we select cattle. There are more traits available with expected progeny differences a variety of selection indexes and now, genomic data. Knowing what this data tells you and how it fits into a selection program is important to make the desired genetic change in a herd program.

Topics will include a review and update Expected Progeny Differences, a look at breed trait averages, genetic trends over time, example selection scenarios and bull selection on the hoof.

Although there is no cost we do ask you to call either the Decatur County Office at 785-475-8121 or the Norton County Office at 785-877-5755 by February 28th, so we can plan for the meeting. We require 10 people to be able to hold the meeting.

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